A. Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (previously presented) A method for registering a user at a plurality of user requested nodes of a communications network wherein nodes of the network are identified using an Internet addressing scheme, comprising:

first storing registration information related to the user in a first data store on a first node of said network;

second storing of said registration information in a second store on a second node of said network, said second node being different from said first node;

providing the user with a user identification code permitting access to said registration information in at least one of said first and second stores;

supplying to at least one requested node of said plurality of requested nodes: (a) said user identification code for registering the user at said at least one requested node, and (b) said registration information transmitted from one of said first and second stores for registering the user at said at least one requested node.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (original) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said communications network utilizes an internet protocol.

Claim 4 (original) A method as claimed in Claim 1, further including a step of providing a modification to said registration material on one of said first and second stores to the other of said first and second stores.

Claim 5 (original) A method as claimed in Claim 4, wherein said step of providing includes retaining said modification in said first and second stores, wherein said modification is transmitted to at least one requested node in said step of supplying from one of said first and second stores.

Claim 6 (original) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said first step of storing includes inputting said registration information by the user.

Claim 7 (original) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said step of second storing includes transmitting said registration information from said first node to said second node using said communications network.

Claim 8 (original) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said step of supplying includes:

inputting user identification from-said first node;

transmitting said user identification to said second node; and

using said user identification at said second node for determining said user identification code.

Claim 9 (original) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said step of supplying include requesting, by said at least one requested node, said registration information from said second node.

Claim 10 (original) A method for registering a user at a plurality of user request nodes of a communications network wherein nodes of the network are identified using and internet addressing scheme, comprising:

manually inputting registration information related to the user at a first node of said network;

transmitting said registration information from said first node to a second node of said network;

providing the user with a user identification code permitting access to said registration information at said second node;

transmitting said user identification code from said first node to at least one requested node of said plurality of requested nodes;

supplying said registration information from said second node to said at least one requested node upon receipt of information identifying said user identification code.

Claim 11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (new) A method for registering a user with at least one node of a communications network, comprising:

storing registration information related to the user in a first data store on a first node of a communications network;

communicating said registration information to a second node of said communications network, said second node being different from said first node, whereupon receipt of said registration information said second node stores said registration information in a second data store;

associating a user identification code with said registration information, whereby the user identification code permits access to said registration information in at least one of said first and second data stores;

supplying, to at least one third node: (a) said user identification code, and (b) said registration information; whereby said at least one third node uses said user identification code and said registration information to register the user with said at least one third node.

Claim 13 (new) The method of Claim 12 wherein said registration information is supplied to said at least one third node by said second node.

Claim 14 (new) The method of Claim 12 further comprising transmitting said registration information from said first node to said second node using said communications network.

Claim 15 (new) The method of Claim 12 further comprising:

determining said user identification code based upon user identification received from either said first node, said second node or said at least one third node.

Claim 16 (new) The method of Claim 12 further comprising: receiving, at said first node, a request for said registration information from at least one of said second node and said third node.

Claim 17 (new) The method of Claim 12 further comprising: receiving, at said second node, a request for said registration information from at least one of said first node and said third node.

Claim 18 (new) A method for registering a user with at least one of a plurality of nodes of a communications network wherein nodes of the network are identified using an internet addressing scheme, comprising:

receiving registration information related to the user at a first node of said communications network;

transmitting said registration information from said first node to a second node of said communications network;

providing the user with a user identification code, wherein the user identification code permits access to said registration information from at least one of said first node and said second node;

receiving said user identification code from at least one third node of said communications network;

upon receipt of said user identification code from said at least one third node, transmitting said registration information from at least one of said first node and said second node to said at least one third node.

Claim 19 (new) The method of Claim 18 wherein said first node is a server node and said second node is at least one of a user node and a third party web site.

Claim 20 (new) The method of Claim 18 wherein said first node is a user node and said second node is at least one of a server node and a third party web site.

Claim 21 (new) The method of Claim 18 wherein the first node is at least one of a server node and a user node and the at least one third node is a third party web site.

Claim 22 (new) A method for communicating user information to one or more nodes connected to the internet, comprising:

receiving registration information related to a user;

saving the registration information in a database;

associating at least one user identification code with the registration information, wherein the user identification code permits access to the registration information stored in the database;

communicating the at least one user identification code to a third party web site; and

communicating the registration information to the third party web site;

whereupon receipt of the at least one user identification code and the registration information, the user is registered with the third party web site.

Claim 23 (new) An article of manufacture including one or more program modules utilized in registering a user at a plurality of user requested nodes of a communications network wherein each node of the network is identified using an internet addressing scheme, comprising:

a first program module providing computer program instructions for configuring a first node of a communications network to direct user registration information to a second node;

a second program module providing computer program instructions for configuring the second node of said network to receive the user registration information;

a third program module providing computer program instructions for transferring a user identifying code to said second node, wherein the user identifying code is related to the user registration information;

a fourth program module providing computer program instructions for communicating said user identification code to a user requested node; and

a sixth program module providing computer program instructions for providing said user registration information from at least one of said first node and said second node to said user requested node; whereupon providing said user registration information to said user requested node, the user is registered with said user requested node.